



Section 1 – Trail Questions

Lee's Headquarters, History Trail, Nature Trail, Sears Lane Trail,
Raine Cemetery, Lee's Last Attack Wayside,
North Carolina Monument, Confederate Cemetery



**** Scout groups will need to carpool for the Trail section of the packet. The chaperones will need to drive the scouts to the Lee's Headquarters Wayside, and once the Scouts are on the trail, at least one chaperone will need to take a vehicle to the North Carolina Monument Wayside to meet the scouts once they've finished the trail.**

****Begin your hike at the Lee's Headquarters Wayside. Read the markers and listen to the brief explanation before answering the following questions. Use gloves & plastic bags to remove any trash from the trail and parking areas while completing Section 1.**

1. Briefly explain the situation General Lee and the Army of Northern Virginia were in on April 9, 1865. What were some of the main problems he and his troops were facing?

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****Enter the History Trail and follow the white blazes to the actual site of Lee's Headquarters. While hiking in the woods, please remove any debris from the trail that makes walking difficult. If it is natural, toss it in the woods, if it is trash, pick it up and carry it out with you.**

2. From which dates did this site serve as Gen. Lee's headquarters?

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****Continue to follow the trail marked with the white blazes. At the History Trail marker, proceed to the left towards the river. Read the signpost about the forest on the left side of the trail.**

3. Look around at the landscape. Today there are many trees in the area, but back in 1865, most of this area was cleared and farmed. In 1865, the people of Appomattox County grew and raised various things. What do you think they grew or raised here in the 1860s? List at least 3 things.

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4. There are many trees identified along this part of the trail. What types of trees are most common to the woods now? List as many as you can.

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****Continue on the History Trail until you reach an abandoned building.**

5. What is the name of this building & what was it used for?

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****Follow the trail and the white blazes down to the river.**

6. What is the name of this river? How did rivers like this impact the Civil War? List at least 2 positives and negatives.

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- Positives –
- Negatives –

****Cross the river and follow the History Trail, which is now marked with white blazes and arrows. Remember to clear any debris as you progress on the trail.**

7. During early April of 1865, there were thousands and thousands of men in this whole area. What challenges did companies of soldiers face as they moved, camped, and fought here? (Think about the fact that it was a war, consider the terrain, and the weather.)

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****Follow the History Trail to a road. Before continuing the trail on the other side of the road, please pick up any trash along both sides. Be careful while picking up trash and when crossing the street. The roadside is narrow and cars will not be expecting you. After cleaning up trash, continue your hike along the trail.**

8. What Union General was commanding the Federal cavalry in this area and what did he receive?

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****At the next trail marker, turn right and follow Sears Lane. For the next portion of the hike the blazes will be blue/green.**

9. What is the significance of this trail? (Hint: On April 9, who used it and why?)

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****Follow the blue/green blazes to the Raine Monument.**

10. The Raine Monument is not just a monument, but a _____ as well. The Raine family owned the McLean house prior to the McLeans.

****Continue your hike on the History Trail by heading towards the Lee's Last Attack Wayside Exhibit.**

11. In the space provided, draw a rough sketch of the Union and Confederate lines on the morning of April 9. Use arrows to show how each side would have move as the day progressed.

****Finish your hike on the History Trail by stopping at the North Carolina Monument.**

12. Of the 27,000 troops from North Carolina who fought in the Civil War, how many were killed in battle, died from wounds, and died from disease?

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13. Take a look back at your answer to question #12. Why do you think more individuals died from wounds and diseases than from the actual battles?

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****Turn around and head back to your cars. Once everyone is accounted for, drive across the street to the Confederate Cemetery. Please use caution when crossing the highway. Clean up the parking lot area, read the markers and proceed to the cemetery.**

*****Note: Park policy does not allow pedestrians to cross the highway, please go to the cemetery in your vehicles.***

14. The men buried here in the Confederate Cemetery fought and died on April 8-9, 1865. There were close to 1,000 killed and wounded during the Battles of Appomattox Station and Court House. These soldiers are only a few who died here at Appomattox Court House. How many Confederate & Union soldiers are buried in this cemetery?

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15. One of the individuals buried at the Confederate Cemetery is Alabamian _____, who lasted 1,454 days in the Civil War.

****Finally, before heading back to the village, head down the path to the final marker. Take a look down at the village before reading the marker.**

16. Look at the 1865 sketch of the view toward the village. How is that scene different today from what it was in 1865?

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17. What is the name of the main road between Lynchburg and Richmond that both Generals Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant used to get to the McLean House?

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****Once you've finished cleaning up, get back into your cars and head back to the Historic Village. Turn Section 1 in to the Ranger at the Visitor Center and pick up Section 2.**